for the welfare of the residents of a new colony in the initial stages;

(b) whether a new society has been formed by some of the allottees in Vasant Kunj, Sector-A without giving any notice to all the allottees liivng there; if so, what is the date of its formation;

(c) whether this society has been registered with the DDA and its managing committee elected under the relevant regulations; if so, what is the date of its registration with the DDA and the names of the members of the managing committee; and

(d) if the answer to parts (b) and (c) above be in the negative, what are the reasons thereof and the steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) The guidelines regarding formation and registration of an agency are contained in chapter IV of the DDA ((Management & Disposal of Housing Estates) Regulation 1968, which is a priced publication available at Counter No. 11 'D' Block, Vikas Sadan, DDA on the cash payment of Rs. 3/-.

(b) Yes, Sir. The Secretary of Resident Welfare Association, Vansat Kunj. Sector-A has applied for getting the society registered with DDA. DDA has asked him to furnish the essential documents vide their letter dated 9.2.88. But no response has been received from the Secretary of the Residents Welfare Association. The Society would be given a registration certificate only when the documents are received. DDA checks up from the documents that the society represents almost all the allottees and only then issues registration certificate.

(c) No, Sir. The Society has not been registered so far by DDA.

(d) The society has not been registered because it has not produced documents asked by the DDA.

Tourist arrivals in India

2101. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of tourist arrivals in India during the year 1987;

(b) whether the National Committee on Tourism set up in July, 1986 has since submitted its report; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) The number of foreign tourists who visited India during 1987 were 14,84,290 including the nationals of Pakistan and Bangladesh.

(b) and (c) The report of the National Committee on Tourism is expected to be submitted by the end of May, 1988. The Committee had to collect inputs from several agencies including State Governments and commission a number of studies on various aspects of the tourism industry before finalising their recommendations.

Use of biotechnology for boosting agriculture production

2102. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Biotechnology holds great promise for improving agriculture; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to use Biotechnology in the field of Agriculture?